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1. HEADLINES ANNOUNCING OAS RESOLUTION ON CUBA AND RELATED ACTIVITIES TODAY MADE FRONT PAGES ON ALL THREE MONTEVIDEO MORNING DAILIES. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS MADE.

2. "EL DIA" USED FIVE-COLUMN DOUBLE DECK, "OAS LIFTED THE CUBAN REGIME SANCTIONS" ON A STORY BY JUAN J. WALTER OF UPI DATED IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA. ACCOMPANYING A THREE-COLUMN BOX "THE URUGUAYAN CHANCELLOR BLANCO TO OAS SECRETARY GENERAL ORFILA WHICH SAID: "I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE DATED ON THE 28TH OF THIS MONTH THROUGH WHICH YOU TRANSMIT THE NOTICE OF MEETING FOR THE 29TH, OF THE XVI CONSULTING MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS TO SERVE AS CONSULTATION BODY IN CARRYING OUT THE INTERAMERICAN TREATY OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE, STARTING FROM THE 29TH, IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA STOP. IN THIS RESPECT I CANNOT BUT ESTABLISH MY GOVERNMENT'S SURPRISE AND DISPLEASURE AT THE DEADLINES OF THE CONVOCATORY, THAT WERE OPPORTUNELY OBSERVED BY THE URUGUAYAN DELEGATION DURING THE SESSION OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL THAT ADOPTED THEM, WHOSE BRIEFNESS PREVENTS IN FACT, AS REGARDS MY COUNTRY, ITS PARTICIPATION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE NATURE OF THE MATTER TO BE DISCUSSES - THAT IN NO WAY CAN BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF MERE PROCEDURE OR ROUTINE - IT SEEMS BEYOND DOUBT THE NEED TO ASSURE A MEETING OF THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL, WHICH IS FRUSTRATED IN THE PRACTICE FOR THOSE COUNTRIES GEOGRAPHICALLY MORE DISTANT STOP. IN SUCH WAY THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSIDERING THE

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MATTER IN DEPTH AND AT A LEVEL WHICH ITS CHARACTER DEMANDS IS

WEAKENED, DAMAGING THE PROPER OPERATION OF THE ORGANS OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PRESTIGE AND PUBLIC IMAGE OF SAME, IN ASSIGNING THE SUBJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION A TREATMENT AS LATERAL AND HASTY STOP. I REGRET THEN THAT THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED LEADS IN FACT TO VETO THE PARTICIPATION OF ONE OR MORE FOREIGN MINISTERS, OF ALL WHICH I REQUEST BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH WRITTEN EVIDENCE STOP THIS CIRCUMSTANCE, HOWEVER, CANNOT CHANGE THE GRAVE AND RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF MY COUNTRY IN HEMISPHERIC MATTERS, NOW VARY THE FIRM POLICY OF MY GOVERNMENT IN THE SENSE OF EASING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE BODIES OF THE SYSTEM AND THE DISCUSSION OF THOSE MATTERS, EVEN WHEN THIS, AS IN THIS CASE, IS INOPPORTUNE AND OUT OF PLACE STOP AS A CONSEQUENCE, I INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE DELEGATION OF THE URUGUAYAN REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY TO THE XVI CONSULTING MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL BE FORMED BY AMBASSADOR MATEO MARQUES SERE WHO WILL HEAD IT, AMBASSADOR ALVARO ALVAREZ, COL. CARLOS PALERMO AND SECRETARY ANTONIO CAMPS STOP. I GREET YOU EXCELLENCY WITH MY GREATEST CONSIDERATION."

3. ALSO FOUR-COLUMN UPI WIREPHOTO OF THE THREE AMBASSADORS WHO VOTED AGAINST CUBA. "EL PAIS" USED SIX-COLUMN THREE DECK "STRONG PROTEST FOR THE MANEUVER THAT PREVENTED CHANCELLOR BLANCO FROM ATTENDING OAS;" ALSO SIX-COLUMN DOUBLE DECK "CUBA REHABILITATED IN SPITE OF ITS CONSTANT INTERMISSION" TWO-COLUMN THREE DECK BOX "THE INVITATION CAME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON; TELEGRAM TO ORFILA;" WITH THE TEXT OF THE TELEGRAM. FOUR-COLUMN BOX "URUGUAY'S NEGATIVE VOTE: WE REAFFIRM SOVEREIGNTY." BOTH BOXES WERE WRITTEN LOCALLY. ALSO, EIGHT-COLUMN "USA VOTED FOR CUBA" WITH THREE-COLUMN SUB HEAD "SANCTIONS LIFTED AFTER 10 YEARS" ON EFE, AP, AFP AND ANSA STORY DATED IN SAN JOSE. FIVE-COLUMN BOX "SYNTHESIS OF THE CUBAN REGIME CONTINUOUS AGGRESSION TO OUR COUNTRY" WRITTEN LOCALLY. PLUS TWO-COLUMN PHOTOS OF BLANCO AND ORFILA. THE WHOLE FRONT PAGE WAS DEDICATED TO OAS MEETING.

4. "LA MANANA" USED IN THEIR FRONT PAGE EIGHT-COLUMN DOUBLE DECK "STRONG URUGUAYAN PROTEST TO OAS: CUBAN SANCTIONS LIFTED" WITH A TWO-COLUMN CARTOON OF CHANCELLOR BLANCO; IN PAGE FIVE THEY HAD A FOUR-COLUMN BOX "URUGUAY PROTESTS IN OAS; SOME MINISTERS COULDN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING" CARRYING THE TEXT OF THE TELEGRAM FROM BLANCO TO ORFILA; ALSO FOUR-COLUMN DOUBLE DECK "OAS LIFTED SANCTIONS: URUGUAY INFLEXIBLE." BOTH ARTICLES WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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